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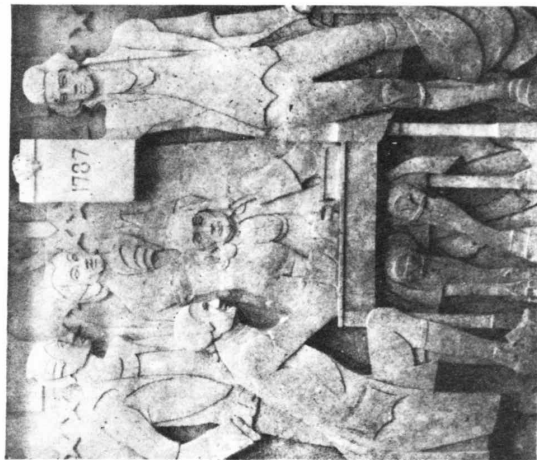
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To Our Entire Faculty

The term "law school" is really an anomaly. Every school until now has been geared at the development of the individual personality rather than any specific phase of knowledge within which the student is ultimately to become a technician utilizing the accumulated facts and perspective he has received as the tools of his profession. "School" then, connotes a general development toward maturity rather than a detailed course of study to be retained for its practical values and such maturely developed personality is a necessary condition precedent to embarking on this specialized study. At law school, intricacies and hidden meanings were studied along with the obvious, not to teach this body of knowledge, so immense that it staggers the imagination, for its own sake (also a very worthy objective), but for the sake of giving to the attorney destined to lead and protect our society, the equipment necessary to carry out such objective.

Society--democratic free society in particular, is founded on law. The law delineates and defines each man's freedom to the end of creating and preserving greater freedom. Law, though it may temporarily restrict one, is in reality, a means to the greater freedom and ultimate self realization at which democracy aims. The white line on the highway, by way of illustration, restricts the driver, but it makes for greater freedom by thus avoiding the chaos which would result if such laws were not present. Thus it

was that Rousseau, in an impassioned cry proclaimed "Law is Liberty." Liberty is thus preserved by law and it is therefore the legal system which more than anything else, governs the life of the domiciliaries within any government, especially in these days of expanded government. We, the attorneys who serve and administer this system, are, under any system of logic, the leaders and keepers of society. The power we have is untold and possibly infinite. In unscrupulous or blundering hands, such power becomes dangerous and volatile. At law school, we have been handed a dry powderkeg. What we do with it--our own senses of justice, morality, and responsibility will ultimately shape the future of the society we are called upon to lead.

Every case presents a battle between two antagonists, each having a valid contention on his behalf; otherwise he would not be in court. Once out of law school, cases are no longer merely a vehicle through which difficult concepts of law may be grasped. They take on life and excitement as the rights of man come into conflict with those of his fellow man and the respective attorneys champion the cause they have chosen to represent. The rule against perpetuities no longer remains the metaphysical concept which law students struggle to understand, but will be the factor deciding whether a will stands or falls. Service by publication will no longer mean merely a way of acquiring in rem jurisdiction, but will decide whether or not the starving wife and children of a runaway husband will be provided with their next meal. Law, therefore, in the last analysis, deals with people, and they comprise its life blood. People, therefore, are the key to law, which is itself, the key to all of society.

As attorneys, our duty to our brothers before the Bar and Bench; to our clients; to our democracy of which our legal system is a part; to all of society; if you please, can be capsulized in these three guiding principles--justice, morality, and responsibility. They are the key to all life on this planet.

To these ends, this book is dedicated; to these ends, let us all pledge ourselves.

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We do sincerely hope that you will find in your chosen profession not only an honorable means of livelihood but also the satisfaction of doing your share to make this community a better place in which to live.

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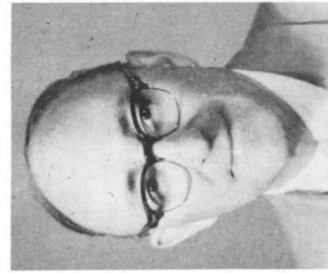
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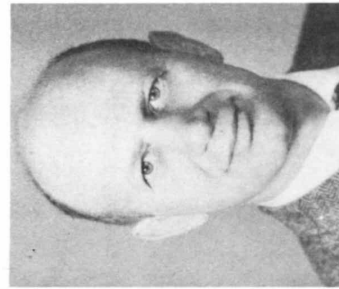
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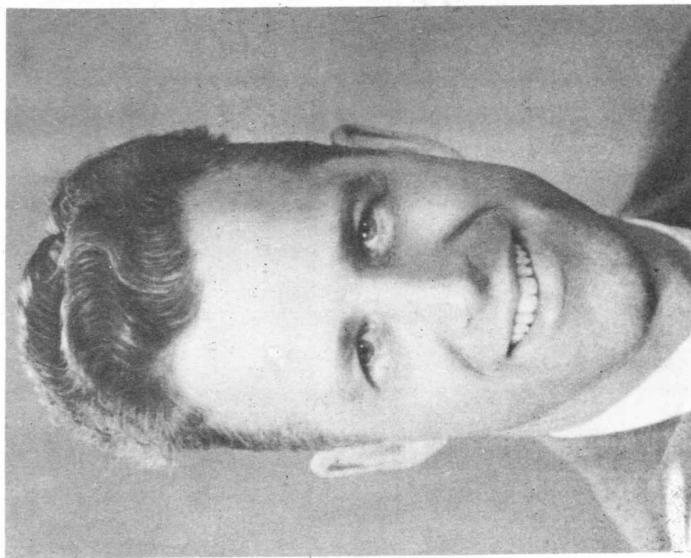


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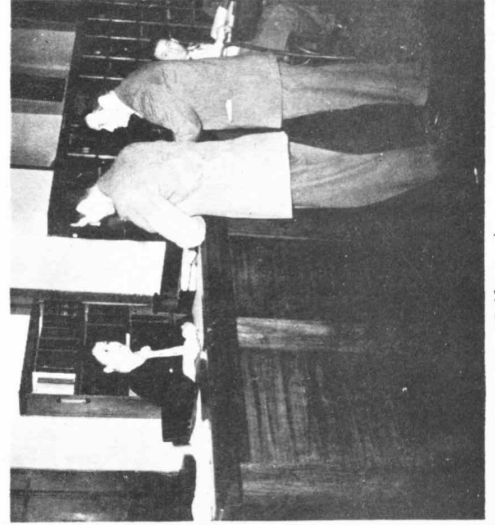
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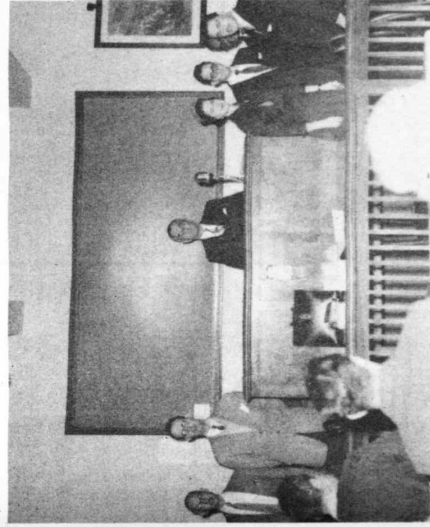


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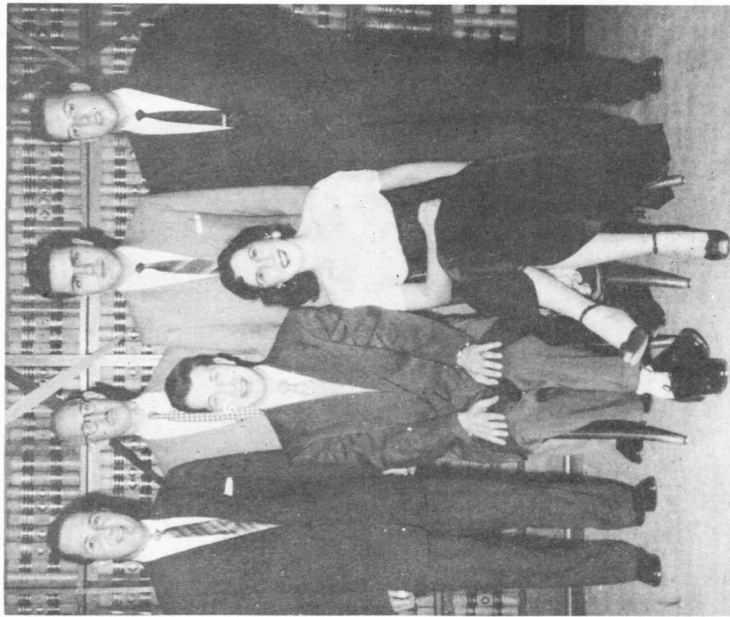
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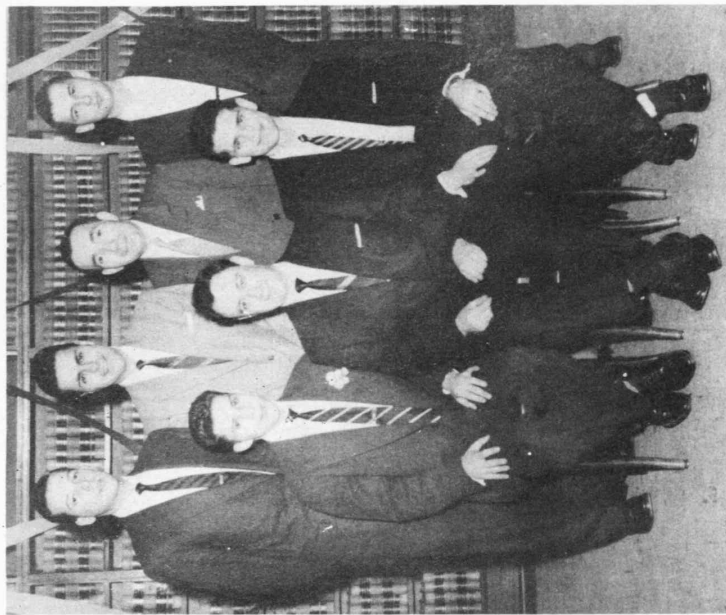


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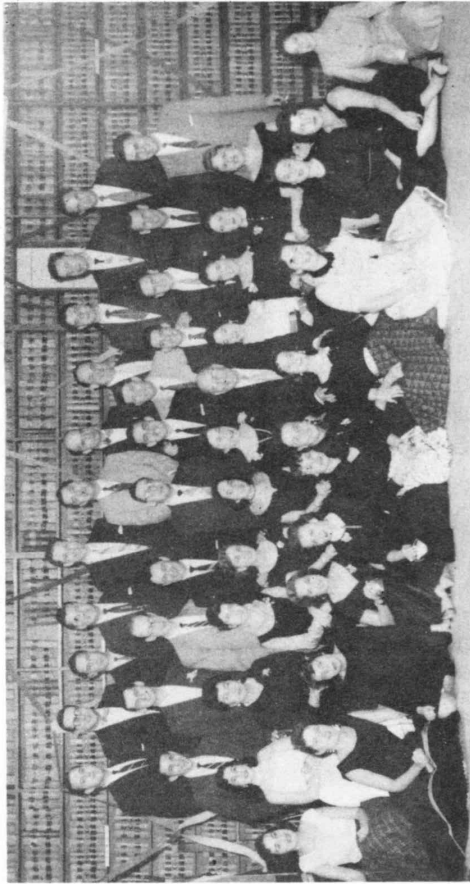
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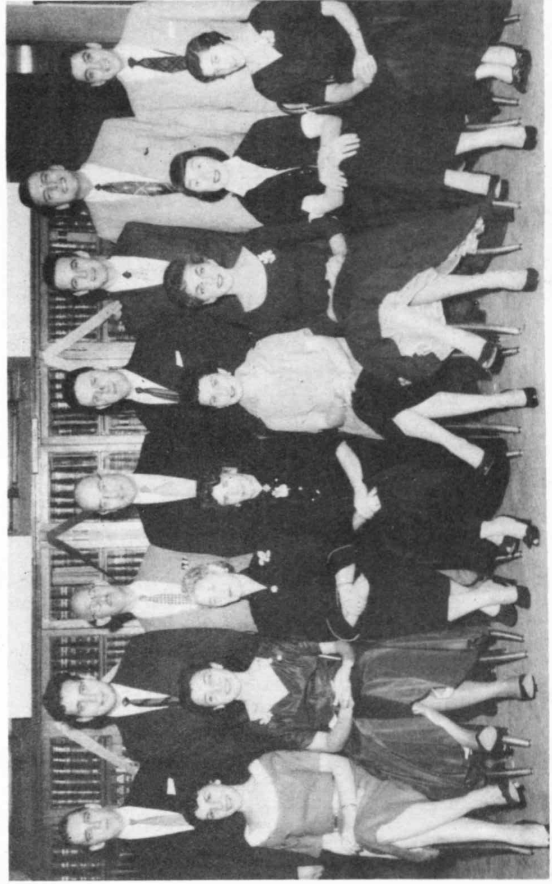
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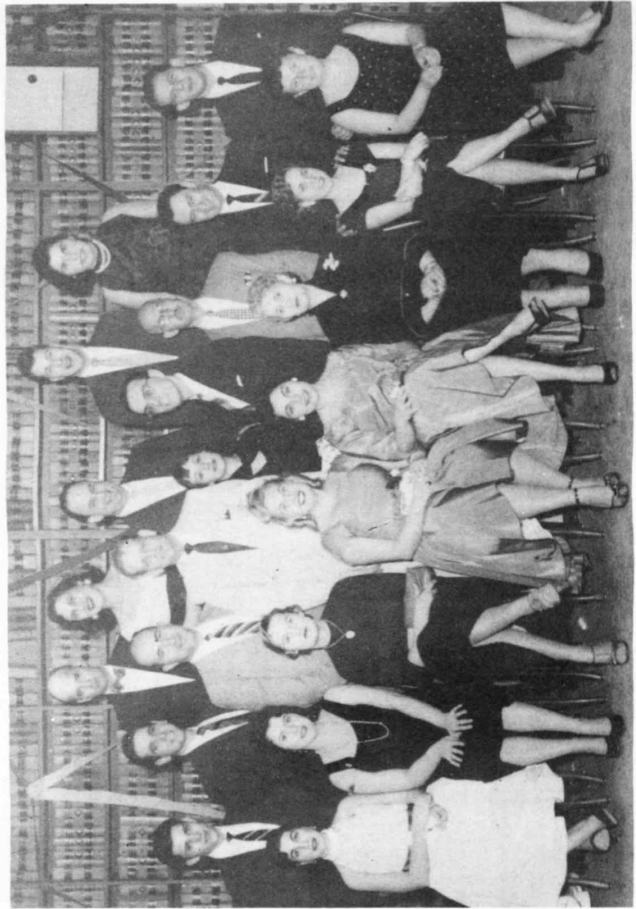


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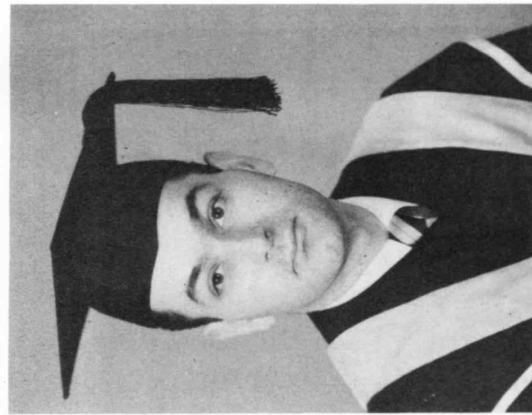
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DEAN ADDRESSES ALUMNI ON HISTORY OF LAW SCHOOL

[The following is the address given by
Dean Jerome Prince at the 1954
Alumni Luncheon.]

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association has assigned to me the very pleasant task of sketching briefly to you this afternoon the history of Brooklyn Law School. The story of the origin and growth of the Law School is a story well worth telling, for its recital, I am confident, will fill you with a sense of justifiable pride in your own institution.

The story begins shortly before the turn of the century, when, at a convention of teachers of commercial law, the late Dean William Payson Richardson met the late Norman P. Hefley, who at that time directed a business school in Brooklyn bearing his name. Mr. Hefley was of the opinion that the community of Brooklyn was in need of a law school, and you may recall that there was then none in existence in Brooklyn. Early in 1901, after many discussions between them, Dean Richardson and Mr. Hefley cooperated to organize Brooklyn Law School and its first class was held on September 30, 1901, in the Hefley School Building at 243 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn. There were only five students in that first class, one of whom was the late Francis X. Carmody. A year later the Law School moved from Ryerson Street to a brownstone building at 187 Montague Street, Brooklyn. It seems

that the possessions of the Law School were then so meagre that they were all piled on one cart, and as the cart moved through the streets from the Hefley School Building to Montague Street, one spectator was moved to say: "There goes Brooklyn Law School." This, as many of you know, was Dean Richardson's favorite anecdote.

Mr. Hefley withdrew from the School soon thereafter and the task of supporting the infant institution fell upon Dean Richardson. In 1903, Brooklyn Law School became associated with St. Lawrence University and later became the Department of Law of that University.

From 1903 until the outbreak of World War II, the Law School story is one of almost constant growth and development, in prestige as well as in physical resources. In 1904, to accommodate larger classes, the School moved to the Eagle Building, where it remained until the Fall of 1928, when the School entered its own specially constructed building at 375 Pearl Street, Brooklyn.

When World War II broke out in December of 1941, the effect upon the Law School was almost calamitous. Within a short time, the Law School attendance so dwindled that we had less students in the entire Law School than we were accustomed to have in a single class. Some statistics may be enlightening. In one of the war years, we had only thirty students in the entire day division. This included all three years of law study.

I remember having one of the large classes during that period; a class of fifteen students. We also had some small classes. Bob Sugarman had a class of two students in Partnership. I recall this quite well because one of the two students was unpripared at the first session and the remaining member of the class was required to do all

of the class work that day. I may add that this student resigned a week later, and we decided to cancel the course, thinking a class of one student to be too much of a luxury. During most of this period, there were only three full-time men on the law school faculty. I was one of them. Professor Sealy and Professor Weyrauch were the other two. In one of the war years, Professor Weyrauch went to Albany to assist Hiram Todd on one of his investigations; that left Don Sealy and me as the entire full-time staff. I must confess that we taught a great many subjects, and if the war had continued a few years longer, each of us would probably have taught the entire curriculum. I recall one afternoon during the war when Don Sealy and I were walking to Joe's Restaurant for lunch, Don said to me: "You remember the story told by Dean Richardson about the spectator who said: 'There goes Brooklyn Law School' when he saw the cart moving the Law School equipment from Ryerson Street to Montague Street? Well, some spectator may now, looking at us, say: 'There goes the Brooklyn Law School Faculty.'"

St. Lawrence University, of which we were the Law Department, had considerable financial difficulties of its own. Each of its departments was operating at a substantial loss. So, St. Lawrence University, to reduce its obligations, decided to liquidate the Law School. I have no doubt that the Law School would have disappeared at that time were it not for the efforts of Justice William B. Carswell, the only graduate of the Law School who was then a member of the Board of Trustees. Largely as a result of his efforts, an agreement was entered into in December of 1943, by the terms of which Brooklyn Law School separated from St. Lawrence University and became a separate and independent non-profit institution. A new Board of Trustees was selected and Justice Carswell became its President.

You might be interested to know that Dick Maloney, our new Alumni President, was our attorney at the closing of title in 1943.

We did not pay him for his services then and, although he continues to serve as the Law School counsel, we have consistently adhered to the precedent thus established.

To effect the separation from St. Lawrence University, it was necessary to place a mortgage upon the building, and some of you may recall that we had an Alumni Campaign at that time to raise funds.

We held on, at times somewhat grimly, until the close of World War II, when Brooklyn Law School once more became one of the major law schools in the United States.

We suffered a loss in August of 1945, when Dean William Payson Richardson, who had been Dean for forty-four years, died after a brief illness. He was succeeded by Justice William B. Carswell. I was named Vice-Dean, and later Associate Dean. We suffered another loss in September of 1953, when Dean Carswell unexpectedly died in Canada. Three months later, I was appointed Dean of the Law School.

Now what progress have we made in the fifty-four years of our existence?

Our graduates have achieved prominence in almost every field of endeavor; in the practice of the law, on the bench, in government service, in public life, in the armed forces, in commerce and industry. It may surprise you to know that we have several very distinguished clergymen who are graduates of the Law School. I do not intend to burden you with statistics, but it may be of interest to you to know that in the City of New York alone there are well over fifty judges, from Magistrate to Appellate Division Justices, who are graduates of Brooklyn Law School.

Whenever our students or graduates have come in open competition with the students or graduates of other schools, we have much more than held our own. Our Bar examination results are good, as I think you know. In 1948, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York sponsored for the first time an Inter-Law School Moot Court

Woman's World

By Jean Withner

There may conceivably be some excuse for the lay person to be victimized by this hypnotism of the intellect, but for lawyers there is no extenuation. Before completion of any law school's curriculum, one must acquire some acquaintance with the Constitution and legal history of the United States. Mr. Chief Justice Waite, writing in *Minor v. Happersett*, 21 Wall. 162, 22 L. Ed. 627 (1875), declared, "There is no doubt that women may be citizens. They are persons by the Fourteenth Amendment." However, His Honor wound up this charming acknowledgment that the fair sex are human entities, by denying them the right to vote. It was not until they diligently fought for the Nineteenth Amendment that women established their right to a voice in government. But they do have that right now, and it is a part of the Constitution. Since the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, presumably lawyers, in particular, should perceive and preach by practical precept its provisions.

The jibes of fellow students seem sometimes to be inspired by the attitude of their mentors. Some professors, meaning to be kind, refrain from calling on women for recitations, thus sparing them the terror of talking on their feet, which, though well-intentioned, is in itself discrimination. Others take a be-wag in the group is sure to stage whisper: "Why don't you get married and get out of Law School", or, if she is married, "Why don't you stay home and learn to cook!"

A day spent at Brooklyn Law School would attest to the truth of this assertion. Should a female member of the class be called on to recite, some would-be-wag in the group is sure to stage whisper: "Why don't you get married and get out of Law School", or, if she is married, "Why don't you stay home and learn to cook!"

Isn't it strange that women, in spite of the odds against them, have risen to top standing in the profession and fill judgeships competently and admirably; in the teaching of law, they are conspicuous by their absence. Women are acknowledged to be eminently qualified for teaching; as witness, it is always the school mistress of the little log-cabin schoolhouse our history books are filled with and our scribes write of with nostalgia.

In the little things, like the dash to get into the elevators to reach our classrooms, and in the crush to get out the door for a smoke during intermissions, we are pushed, pumelled and pounded without the slightest tenderness for our sex. Is it reasonable to demand that instead of being burdened with theoretic equality we should have some of the benefits in the more important things?



The Chancellor

JUSTINIAN

EDITOR

riculum required courses in Legal Research, in Brief Writing, in the preparation of Pleadings, and in laboratory sessions in Trial Practice. We also offer elective courses in Criminal Procedure, in the preparation of Corporate Forms and in the preparation of the commonly employed commercial instruments. The most recent addition to our elective courses is a course in Military Justice.

Brooklyn Law School is today in every sense a non-profit educational institution. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Charles C. Lockwood, no member of which receives any compensation. The two Vice-Presidents of the Board are graduates of the Law School and may be known to many of you personally. One of them is Supreme Court Justice Charles N. Cohen, the other is former Corporation Counsel Paul Windels.

I think I have said enough, although considerations of time have required me to sketch developments in broad outlines, to justify my conclusion that we have a thoroughly sound and progressive institution, with standards and with a record of achievement that will bear comparison with any law school in the United States. What we lack is a well informed and active alumni body. I regard it as self-evident that the reputation which a school enjoys among the members of the public is but a reflex of the reputation it enjoys among its own graduates. And no school can enjoy among its own graduates the prestige to which it may justly be entitled unless its graduates know and are interested in the progress which the School has made. For these frankly selfish reasons, I hope that this Luncheon today will mark the rebirth of a strong, healthy, and active Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.



Competition. In that first Competition, the Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Team won the national title by defeating the Yale University Moot Court Team in the final round. In the six annual competitions held thus far, the Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Team has won three metropolitan championships and this in competition with all the other approved law schools in the City of New York. A prize is given by the Association to the student who is adjudged the outstanding student speaker in the City of New York. The selection is made from among the members of the Moot Court Teams representing all of the law schools in the City. This is an annual prize. In the last six years, on three occasions, a Brooklyn Law School student was selected as the outstanding speaker.

Turning to the Law School itself, I might say that not too many of you know that Brooklyn Law School is today, and since 1937 has been, a school approved by the American Bar Association. This means that we are one of the one hundred and twenty odd approved law schools in the United States. Our requirements have been strengthened and increased. An applicant today is required to have completed a minimum of three years of acceptable college work with a satisfactory scholastic average, and it might interest you to know that well over ninety per cent of our entering class is composed of college graduates.

The normal law school course today is three years in the day, or full-time session, and four years in the evening, or part-time session. We do, however, permit a student to shorten his course to the extent of one semester by attending summer sessions. We have increased the number of credits required for the degree from sixty, which was required about twenty years ago, to seventy-six, the requirement at present. We have attempted to grapple with the vexing but important problem of the extent to which we may profitably help the student to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This we have done by introducing into the cur-

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Third Dean in the History of School

named Dean of Brooklyn Law School on December 1, 1953

it was announced by former Supreme Court Justice Charles C. Lockwood, President of the Board of Trustees. The third man to head the school in its fifty-three year history, he fills the vacancy created by the death last September of Dean William B. Carswell.

REVIEW TO APPEAR

TRIAL CLUB NEWS

The next issue of Brooklyn Law Review will be forthcoming later this month. It is to be devoted to a symposium on Criminal Law, Editor-in-Chief Morton Povman, announced that this issue will consist of various lead articles involving different areas in the field of criminal law. By Simon E. Sobeloff, Assistant of the late Dean W there will be a review of the United States Supreme Court. Dr. Payson Richardson, four topics are to be reviewed as fraud under the tax law, forgery, capacity to commit crimes, and felony murder.

The Trial Club, headed by Professor Mario Pittino, conducted its regularly scheduled meetings during the month of November, two successive weeks. Two outstanding trial lawyers, William Kleinman and Henry Spiegelman, attended on the subject of invaluables, respectively. Members of the club open to seniors in the Trial Club is the course in Evidence or who are currently taking that course this semester. The meetings are held weekly on Wednesday in room 403 at 11:40 A.M. Professor Pittino conducts the proceedings in a formal basis and very often uses the seminar technique.

On Saturday evening, April 10th, Brooklyn Law School will hold its Annual Spring Dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Baltimore Hotel. This affair promises to be the most spectacular and enjoyable of the entertainment. Appearing will be singers Giselle Mackenzie and Russell Arms, featured stars of the Hit Parade Show, through the kind consent and cooperation of the makers of Lucky Strike Cigarettes, the American Tobacco Company. Also on the program is Leita Kravne, a talented person dancing and who has appeared in many of the top clubs and hotels. The music will be supplied by the well known and talented Hal Elkin and his famous dance band.

Stars to Shine at Spring Prom

The Associate Editor is Arnold Penzel; Decisions Editor is Arthur Schreiber; Notes Editor is Aaron M. Price; and Marvin Karp is Book Review Editor.

COURT TOUR PROGRAM

On Tuesday, November 23rd, a group of students of Brooklyn Law School visited the Supreme Court Building.

The group was led by Marty Shankman, a second year student at the law school. It was the first in a series of tours which will take place in the near future. Mr. Shank-

Associate Justice Burton

Addresses Brooklyn Law School

Associate Justice Harold H. Burton of the United States Supreme Court visited the Law School and informally addressed the classes assembled in the Auditorium on September 23, at 11:30 A.M.

Mr. Justice Burton had been the guest of honor at the Annual Dinner of Iota Theta Law Fraternity held the evening before at the Hotel Plaza where before a gathering of over 300 members and guests, he spoke on the background of two leading post-Civil War decisions of the Court, Ex parte Milligan (4 Wall. 2) and Ex parte McCardle (7 Wall. 506). In his remarks, the Justice painted a picture of the personalities involved in the lawsuits, their counsel, and the members of the Supreme Court, and graphically described the contemporary Constitutional Law problems involved in each case. He closed with a plea for passage of a constitutional amendment which would take the appellate jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court out of the control of Congress.

APPELLATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Brooklyn Law School is on the way toward gaining national notice in the American Law Student Association. At the present time, we hold down two National Committee Chairmanships, and have a member on a third. The chairmanships which we hold are:

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Brooklyn Law School celebrated the winter commencement exercises on February 8, 1955, at the Music Hall of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Hon. Charles C. Lockwood, President of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Some 70 students received the Invocation and Benediction which was rendered by the Rev. Anthony F. Lo Gatto, and then heard the address to the graduating class presented by the Hon. Meier Steinbrink. Degrees were conferred by Justice Charles N. Cohen, '17.

Vice President of the Board of Trustees. The candidates were presented by Dean Prince.

Mr. Arthur Penzel delivered the address of the graduating class, and later received his degree in 1949, 1952, and 1953; captured the Best Speaker award in the National in 1948, and the Best Speaker award in the Metropolitan area twice, in 1950 and 1953.

1. National Moot Court Handbook Committee, chairman of which is Mr. Morton Certman. Mr. Certman is preparing a handbook on Moot Courts, which will be ready for the annual ALSA convention to be held this summer.

2. National Honor System Committee, co-chairmen being Mr. Irwin Mardell and Mr. Harvey Pattoff.

3. National Resolutions Committee, of which Mr. Larry Weinberger is a member. This committee takes polls of all the member schools and then determines what issues should be brought up during the various conventions.

FILM PROGRAM

Friday evening, February 25th, about 130 students of Brooklyn Law School attended the second in a series of films, held in the law school auditorium and sponsored by the Student Council. The films presented were:

- 1) English Criminal Justice;
- 2) Trial by Jury;
- 3) The Supreme Court; and
- 4) Labor Unions.

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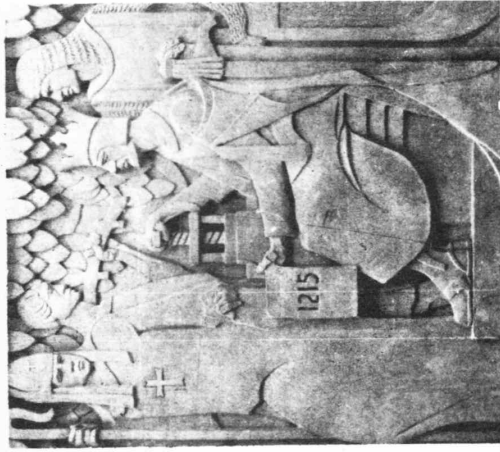


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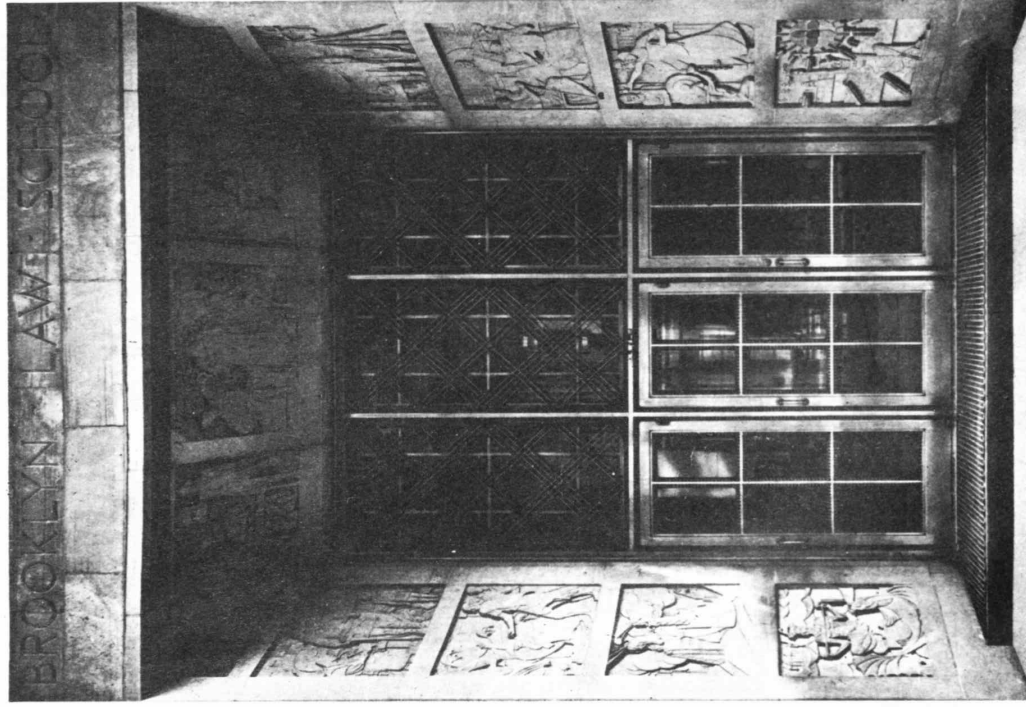
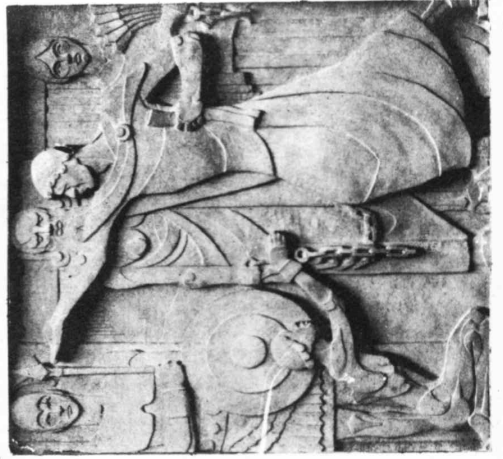
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